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In the Office Action, the Examiner required the applicant to identify the application in which the certified copy of the foreign priority application was filed, objected to claim 6, rejected claims 2 - 4, 6, and 10 under the second paragraph of section 112, rejected claims 1, 5, 7, and 9 - 13 as anticipated (sic, should be obvious) over Mason et al. in view of Christensen, rejected claims 6 and 8 as anticipated (sic, should be obvious) over Mason et al. in view of Christensen, and made additional prior art of record but not relied upon.

Priority Claim

The present continuation-in-part application claims the benefit of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/883,303. In the action, the Examiner identifies the parent application by the incorrect serial number. The Applicants have filed a certified copy of the foreign priority application in the parent application Serial No. 08/883,303, and the claim for benefit of the filing date of the foreign application and an identification of such has been made in the executed declaration. As such, applicants submit that the requirements for the priority benefits have been met and respectfully requests acknowledgement thereof.

Claim Objection

Claim 6 has been amended to define the term ATOMIC. This term is defined, for example, in U.S. Patent No. 6,275,871.

35 USC 112, 2ND ¶

The noted claims have been amended to remove the tradenames and provide in place thereof generic descriptions of the terms.

35 USC 103(a)

The Mason reference discloses an API to a framework that enables the creation of DICOM programs. But the reference fails to disclose the invention as claimed.

The Christensen et al. reference discloses an object oriented programming environment. Access to remote objects is enabled. Even when considered in combination with the Mason reference, the Christensen reference does not disclose or suggest the invention as defined in the claims.

The claim 1 of the present application call for “a standard for object linking and embedding custom controls, wherein a standard for object linking and embedding custom controls software component is allocated to every individual process limited by address space boundaries.” The claim also calls for “asynchronous communication so that devices and processes can be remote controlled without any limitations caused by address space or computer boundaries.” These features are asserted by the Applicants as distinguishing over the combined teachings of the prior art and further as presenting a non-obvious improvement thereover.

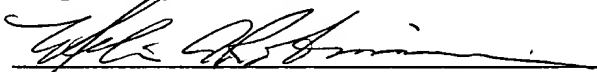
Additional Prior Art

The prior art cited but not relied upon is noted by the Applicants.

Conclusion

Each of the issues raised in the Office Action have been addressed. Favorable consideration of the present application is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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